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GET FREE TUITION WITH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE GUARANTEE

Many students thinking about attending Kalamazoo Valley Community College are eligible for free tuition, thanks to the state's new Community College Guarantee program and other existing scholarship opportunities. Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced the program this summer.

"I'm proud of our work to lower the cost of higher education and put college or skills training in reach for more working Michigan families," Whitmer said. "This education budget goes even further, delivering on our Michigan Guarantee to ensure every Michigan high school graduate can earn an associate degree or skills certificate tuition-free at their community college."

According to Whitmer, making the first two years of community college tuition-free for high school graduates will save students and families up to $4,820 as they earn an associate degree or skills certificate at a community college, helping them land a better-paying, high-skill job.

The free college funds are available to students from the class of 2023 and beyond. These funds are not loans, do not need to be repaid after college and eligibility is not tied to family income.

The Community College Guarantee includes:

- In-district tuition, contact hours and mandatory fees
- An additional $1,000 bonus living expenses award for students eligible for a Federal Pell Grant

To be eligible, students must:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form and list "Kalamazoo Valley Community College" as the "first college of choice" on the form
- Be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
  - If you're a dependent student, your parent(s) must also be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year
- Graduate from a Michigan high school.
  - You're eligible if you earn a diploma or certificate of completion
  - You're also eligible if you earned a high school equivalency certificate in 2023 or after
- Enroll in college.
  - Enrolled full time (12 credit hours at Kalamazoo Valley)
  - Enrolled within 15 months of your high school graduation
    - If you graduated at a different time of year and are concerned about starting in time, contact Student Financial Services at finaid@kvcc.edu.

The Community College Guarantee is part of the governor's Sixty by 30 goal to have at least 60% of Michiganders earn a degree or skill certificate by 2030.

Learn more about the Community College Guarantee at **www.kvcc.edu/myfuture**.

REGISTER *Now!*

Winter semester at Kalamazoo Valley begins Monday, Jan.13 and registration is now open.

A variety of in-person, online and hybrid courses are available in 14, 12 and seven-week terms.

Register now at **www.kvcc.edu/register**. Call 269.488.4040 if you need assistance.

MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY AWARDS COLLEGE GOLD-LEVEL STATUS FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency once again named Kalamazoo Valley Community College a Veteran Friendly School with gold-level status. It also certified the college as an official Veteran Connector school, a program that connects veterans to benefits and resources in all areas of life, including education, employment and health care.

The Michigan Veteran-Friendly Schools Program recognizes academic institutions committed to supporting the needs of veterans and military-connected students. These institutions are awarded gold, silver and bronze-level status based on their veteran-centric services and programs.

Any academic institution or training facility in Michigan eligible to receive veteran education benefits can apply for the program.

Veteran-Friendly School Program criteria includes:

- Established processes for identification of current student veterans
- Veteran-specific website
- Active student veteran organization or club
- Veteran-specific career services, resources, advising and/or outcome monitoring
- On-campus veterans' coordinator and/or designated staff point of contact
- System to evaluate and award academic credit based on prior military training and experience
- Monitoring and evaluation of student veteran academic retention, progress and graduation rates

A school that is accepted at the gold (highest) level has met at least six of the seven criteria to be a Veteran Friendly School.

Kalamazoo Valley's Director of Recruitment and Outreach Charles Heidelberg said it is an honor to be named a 2024 Veteran Friendly School.

"Achieving gold-level status for the fourth year in a row is a real testament to the college's efforts to not just be veteran-friendly for our more than 250 student veterans, but veteran-embracing," Heidelberg said. "We work tirelessly to create a smooth transition from soldier to student, supporting these men and women every step of the way."

For more information about the veteran services available on campus, contact **veterans@kvcc.edu**.

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TECHNICAL TRADES OFFERED AT VALLEY

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
Kalamazoo Valley's Automotive Technology program offers two different automotive associate degrees and multiple certificates of completion. Faculty utilize cutting-edge equipment to provide the skills necessary to gain entry-level technician employment.

CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY
Chemical technicians work with chemists and chemical engineers to develop, test and manufacture chemical products. These highly skilled scientific professionals are critical members of scientific teams that conduct much of the hands-on work that is required.

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE TRADES
Careers in this pathway are related to technologies necessary to design, develop, install and maintain physical systems such as buildings, structures, machines and equipment. These include engineering, manufacturing, construction and related technologies.

ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY
This program provides education and training for prospective construction and industrial electricians, electrical maintenance personnel and others desiring knowledge in the areas of residential, commercial and industrial wiring.

ENERGY SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY
Students in this program learn to install, maintain and test various types of renewable energy equipment, including solar, geothermal and other contemporary energy-efficient systems.

ENGINEERING DESIGN TECHNOLOGY
Engineering design technology graduates play a crucial role in various industries, including architecture, engineering, manufacturing and product design, using specialized software to create detailed digital models.

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
Kalamazoo Valley's comprehensive, hands-on engineering technology degree program prepares students to work in engineering: performing analyses, designing solutions, applying practical scientific and engineering principles and supporting engineering and manufacturing across industries.

HVAC TECHNOLOGY
Heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC) is the technology of indoor environmental comfort. The HVAC/R industry's goal is to provide thermal comfort and acceptable indoor air quality.

WELDING TECHNOLOGY
The certificate-level courses in the welding technologies program guide students through a series of process skills using manual and automated welding. Courses prepare students for entry-level and advanced level employment and job enhancement. Students also gain the skills to successfully complete welder certification testing required by many welding companies.

NEW EDMT PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED FOR WINTER SEMESTER

To meet the growing demand for skilled workers in the engineering, design and manufacturing technology field, two new programs are being offered beginning in the Winter 2025 semester.

Quality Control Technician (Certificate): Specialization in metrology technology (precision measurement) is designed to meet the precision measurement needs of industry by preparing graduates through theoretical and hands-on laboratory work. Metrology is used in such areas as telecommunications, manufacturing, electrical power, aerospace, transportation, medicine, pharmaceuticals, food production, packaging and construction. The metrology technology program emphasizes dimensional metrology for the local manufacturing industry.

Quality Inspection (Certificate of Achievement): This program introduces three key concepts within the quality function: the metrology system, measuring and gauging, and geometric dimensioning and tolerancing (GD&T). Dual pathways make this program appropriate for both production and design professionals. Program credits also apply to additional machine tool, design or engineering technology certificates or degree programs at Kalamazoo Valley.

EDMT instructor Bill Kring said quality control technicians are some of the most in-demand professionals within the manufacturing industry. "In all areas of manufacturing, it's crucial to ensure that products meet quality and safety standards," Kring said. "These classes will prepare graduates to fill these important roles."

KALAMAZOO VALLEY TO HOST NOV. 7 TECHNICAL TRADES EXPO

Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Advanced Technology Center is hosting a Nov. 7 Technical Trades Expo. During the expo, which runs from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Texas Township Campus, prospective students and other interested attendees can learn about automotive technology; electrical technology; energy technology systems; construction; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC); engineering, design and manufacturing technology; and welding technology. Information about the college's additional technical trade opportunities will also be available.

The event will include demonstrations, tours of technical trades labs and information about financial aid. Visitors will have the opportunity to talk with current and former students, instructors and local employers.

Michigan's Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity projects more than 520,000 Michigan jobs and approximately 45,000 annual openings in the professional trades by the year 2030. Manufacturing, in particular, has a much higher share of 45+ year-olds than total statewide employment. More than 46% of manufacturing employees are in this age bracket, resulting in the need to train more people to fill these roles as current workers retire.

"A career in the professional trades lets you leverage your talents, work ethic and know-how to do things that matter — to help design and build our future in jobs that are vital to keeping Michigan healthy, strong and growing," said Provost and Vice President for Instruction and Student Services Paige Eagan, Ph.D. "While making a difference in the workforce, technical trades employees have the potential to bring home the kind of paycheck that really makes a difference."

Welding instructor Erick Martin welcomes the opportunity to showcase Kalamazoo Valley's labs to the community and is eager to talk about the benefits of pursuing a career in the technical trades. "For years and years, people were told not to go into the trades," said Martin, who has taught for the college for 29 years. "Now, we're the saving grace of the economy."

Martin is confident that technical trades graduates are well prepared to go to work in satisfying careers with competitive wages. "Our mission across the trades is to provide sound, entry-level training so employees can fit in with an organization and also have the tools to learn the organization," he said.

The majority of Kalamazoo Valley's technical trades instructors have worked in the industry or owned and operated a business. "We have extensive field experience," Martin said. "That separates us from everybody else."

For more information about the Nov. 7 event, visit **www.kvcc.edu/technicaltrades**.

TRADES RENOVATION PLANNED

Kalamazoo Valley Community College has received a state appropriation of $19.5 million for a technical trades renovation and expansion project. College officials are now working to raise the additional $19.5 million match for this multi-million dollar renovation and expansion.

Planned improvements will empower Kalamazoo Valley to meet the evolving demands of technology and the growing need for skilled professionals. "This expansion is not just a renovation, but a commitment to excellence in technical education and workforce readiness," said Associate Vice President for College Advancement and Executive Director of the KVCC Foundation Alisha Siebers.

Plans for the project include:

- Renovating the existing 68,000-square-feet of the current space in the Advanced Technology Center Wing at the Texas Township Campus, creating increased flexibility to adapt classrooms and labs to teach future technical skills. This renovation will help integrate instruction across disciplines and keep classrooms relevant and responsive to the region's training needs.
- Building a new 20,000-square-foot Automotive Technology space. The new space will train the next generation of mechanics and better equip Kalamazoo Valley to offer customized training for automotive employers who are looking to provide industry-recognized credentials for their staff.

See more details at **www.kvcc.edu/technicaltrades/**.

For more information or to donate, contact Alisha Siebers at asiebers@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4821.

PICTURE YOURSELF HERE: MEGAN DOUGLAS CAD STUDENT

Megan Douglas, a 2016 homeschool graduate and former dual-enrolled student, was originally majoring in social work, but decided to pursue an associate degree in computer-aided design. "My dad is an engineer and I was always kind of around CAD so I took a class with instructor Dave Brock and it was awesome. I decided to just keep going."

She changed her major to CAD in 2022 and will finish up next spring. At the end of the winter semester, she completed a CAD certificate and she is working as an intern at Peloton, Inc. in Otsego. "I really like it a lot," she said. "I enjoy doing what I feel equipped to do. It can be awkward when you first start a job. You can feel like a fish out of water, but it's been nice to be able to use the skills that I already have."

Douglas said it's especially satisfying to see a job through from concept to completion. "There's a lot of hands-on application," she explained. "There are a lot of steps involved in setting up Computer Numerical Control (CNC) and seeing the project all the way through."

All of the instructors at Kalamazoo Valley have been encouraging and highly skilled, Douglas said. "Just having instructors who really care about your success is huge," she said. Jumping from human services to the engineering pathway was unplanned, but it makes sense to Douglas now. "I think it's hilarious to see this whole other side of my brain working and I'm actually passionate about this and I didn't even know it," she said.

A Bloomingdale resident, Douglas said the affordability of taking classes at Kalamazoo Valley was a big selling point, but there are also many other advantages. "The ease of the whole process has been great," she said. "And I've been able to talk through everything with my advisor."

Her internship experience, coupled with her classes, have convinced her that she's pursuing the right career. "I'm here because I want to be a parent some day and I'm making a future for my family," she said.

Megan Douglas, technical trades student

AWARD-WINNING BOTANIST
ROBIN WALL KIMMERER TALKS NOV. 6

Visiting Writer, Robin Wall Kimmerer

Kalamazoo Valley's Visiting Writers series welcomes botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer, New York Times bestselling author of "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants," on Wednesday, Nov. 6, for two lectures in Dale B. Lake Auditorium at the Texas Township Campus. She will speak at 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

The events are free and open to the public. However, online preregistration is required. Register at **kvcc.edu/campuslife/visitingwriters/**.

Kimmerer's interests include not only restoration of ecological communities, but restoration of our relationship to land. She is the founder and director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York, where she is also a professor of environmental biology.

In 2022, Kimmerer was named a MacArthur Fellow for her contributions as a plant ecologist, educator and writer. Her third book, "The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World," will be released on Nov. 19.

Part of Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Visiting Writers series, Kimmerer's visit is also sponsored by the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is operated by Kalamazoo Valley Community College and is governed by its Board of Trustees.

The annual Visiting Writers series offers students and the community an opportunity to talk with professional writers and listen to them sharing excerpts from their work.

COMMUNITY INVITED TO
HONORABLE HARVEST LECTURE SERIES

This lecture series explores ways we can come together to nurture and restore the Honorable Harvest in our communities and in our everyday lives. All programming is free and takes place in Room 223 at the college's Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health building, 418 E. Walnut St., in downtown Kalamazoo.

MANOOMIN, THE FOOD THAT GROWS ON WATER
TUESDAY, OCT. 22 | 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Manoomin, the Anishinaabemowin word for wild rice, directly translates into "the good berry." An aquatic grass rich in protein, manoomin has been an important part of Anishinaabe life since its arrival to the Great Lakes from the East Coast. Join Roger LaBine, water resource technician from Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and Cortney Collia, cultural teacher and educator, to learn about manoomin, its connection to the Anishinaabe people and restoration efforts in Michigan.

BUILDING FOOD SOVEREIGNTY: NEIGHBORHOOD SCALE, COMMUNITY IMPACT
TUESDAY, OCT. 29 | 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Devon Wilson is an urban farmer who believes in the power of sustainable agriculture to improve people's well-being and to create a better future for generations to come. As the founder and CEO of Sunlight Gardens, he leads the development and management of urban farming initiatives, focusing on creating equitable access to nutritious food options.

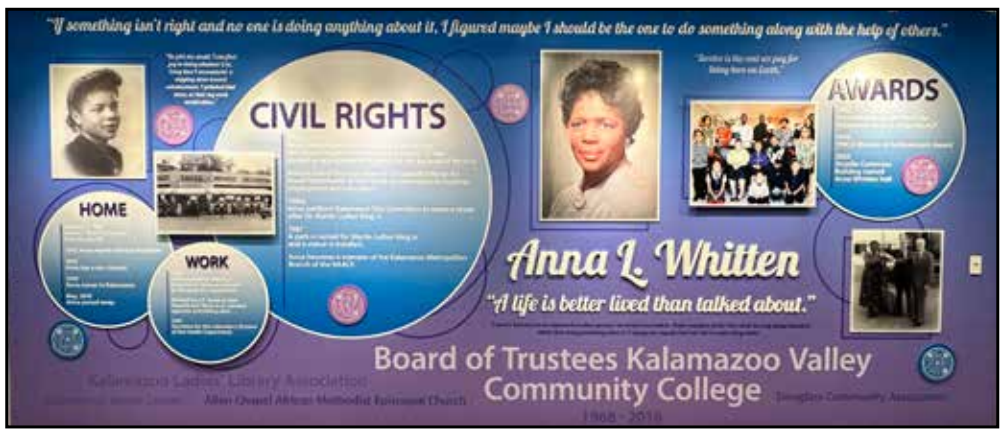
FEEDING OUR FUTURE: NOURISHING KIDS AND COMMUNITY WITH LOCALLY SOURCED FOOD
TUESDAY, NOV. 5 | 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
The increasing number of kids who eat multiple meals a day at early childhood education centers and schools presents challenges and opportunities for food service providers who want to provide the best nutrition possible for the kids in their care. Join a conversation about the legislation and logistics that influence school meals.

Manoomin, wild rice

FARM BILL 101
TUESDAY, NOV. 12 | 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
This federal farm bill connects the food on our plates, the farmers and ranchers who produce that food and the natural resources — our soil, air and water — that make growing food possible. Alex Canepa, director of policy at Fair Food Network, will talk about the legislation that impacts humans and more-than-human relatives of this land.

WRITING WORKSHOP: WHAT IS YOUR LAND STORY?
TUESDAY, NOV 19 | 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
What is your land story? Through a series of guided writing exercises, you will have the opportunity to explore, discover and reconnect to land and places that have significance for you.

DISPLAY CELEBRATES THE
LIFE OF ANNA WHITTEN


"If something isn't right and no one is doing anything about it, I figured maybe I should be the one to do something along with the help of others."
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Anna L. Whitten
"A life is better lived than talked about."
Board of Trustees Kalamazoo Valley Community College

A new interactive display with photos and audio recordings has been installed at Kalamazoo Valley's Anna Whitten Hall to honor the building's namesake, Anna Whitten. Kalamazoo leader and activist, Anna Whitten joined the college's Board of Trustees when the college opened in 1966 and served as secretary until she died in 2016. College trustees named Anna Whitten Hall after her in 2004 in honor of her years of service.

Throughout her life, Whitten received numerous accolades for her community service, including the 2013 Red Rose Award from the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo and the YWCA Women of Achievement Award in 1999. That same year, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners named her an official "county treasure."

Whitten's civil rights work began in the early 1950s, when she quietly but persistently integrated her husband's and uncle's downtown barbershop. She was active behind the scenes as an NAACP member, and during the Van Avery Drug Store protest in Kalamazoo in 1963, which was sparked after the store refused an application from an African American teenager.

"Despite the Arcadia Commons Campus building being named after her, many of our students had no idea who Anna Whitten was," Kalamazoo Valley's Director of Ambient Learning Experiences and Coordinator of Campuses Tom Hamann said. "We wanted to put Anna Whitten back into the community spotlight."

Hamann designed the display as a visual representation of all of Whitten's accomplishments. Whitten's great granddaughter, Nicole Jennings, along with close friends and family, helped curate the stories and photos included in the display, ensuring that it reflects both Whitten's well-known achievements and the personal moments that made her a beloved figure in her community and family.

The display, featuring personal photographs and audio recordings of stories taken from the book on her life, read by Kalamazoo Valley Marketing Project Manager Earlene McMichael, allows visitors to step into Anna Whitten's world, offering a deeply personal view into her life's work. Each photograph tells a story and the recordings bring her voice and wisdom back to life for a new generation.

Jennings said she thinks the display is a fitting tribute for a remarkable woman. "Anna Whitten's legacy is woven into the fabric of this community, and her unwavering dedication to equity and compassion continues to inspire me every day," Jennings said. "Her life was an example of what it means to serve with grace, humility and an unshakable belief in doing what's right, even when the spotlight was not on her. This display is a powerful tribute, allowing future generations to learn from her resilience, love for others and quiet strength. Her legacy is not just in the past — it lives on in all of us who strive to make a difference."

Hamann said he thinks the biggest part of Anna Whitten's story is her compassion for the community. "It's important for people to know who Anna Whitten was since she was someone who was so important to the community," he said.

MUSEUM WELCOMES AGRICULTURALIST LIZ CARLISLE

Join author Liz Carlisle, Ph.D., and area regenerative agriculture leaders on Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 7 - 8 p.m., at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum's Mary Jane Stryker Theater for "Healing Grounds Through Regenerative Agriculture: A Moderated Conversation Between Practitioners and the Public," a conversation about how people in the community are changing their relationships with food and the environment.

"With over a decade of research and writing on the intersections of regenerative agriculture, climate change and social justice, we look forward to hearing Dr. Carlisle's perspectives as she speaks with area growers who are engaged in this same work for our own community," said Assistant Director of Museum Programs Lexie Kobb.

Carlisle is the author of the consciousness-raising book "Healing Grounds: Climate, Justice, and the Deep Roots of Regenerative Farming." As both a researcher and practitioner of regenerative farming, she has stories to share of people who are approaching food differently and making changes in their agricultural practices that could have a big impact for positive social and environmental changes.

Carlisle is an associate professor in the environmental studies program at UC Santa Barbara, where she teaches courses on food and farming. She has written three books about regenerative farming and agroecology: "Lentil Underground" (2015), "Grain by Grain" (2019, with co-author Bob Quinn), and most recently, "Healing Grounds: Climate, Justice, and the Deep Roots of Regenerative Farming" (2022).

This program is offered in partnership with Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Food Innovation Center and Western Michigan University. The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is operated by Kalamazoo Valley Community College and is governed by its Board of Trustees.

KALAMAZOO VALLEY MUSEUM ACQUIRES LARGE BLACK HISTORY COLLECTION

Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Kalamazoo Valley Museum recently acquired just over 200 items from the private African American history and art collections of the late Kalamazoo historian Murphy Darden Sr., the museum's most significant acquisition since the 1930s, according to Museum Director Bill McElhone.

"We are honored to provide a new forever home for many of Darden's artifacts of local and national historical interest, as well as for his sculptures, paintings, drawings and multi-media artwork chronicling often untold stories of the African American experience," McElhone said. "The pieces will serve as an invaluable resource for the museum, local students and the entire community."

The acquisition ranks among the museum's largest artifact procurements since its founding in 1881. To celebrate, the museum opened the free mini exhibit, "Collecting Black History: Murphy Darden's Legacy," on display now through March 2, 2025. It also recently hosted a panel discussion, reception and Murphy Darden documentary film screening. In addition, the college's Center for New Media has a Darden exhibit through late October.

The museum's "Collecting Black History" mini exhibit showcases about two dozen pieces from the massive collection of Darden, who died on Nov. 5, 2023, at age 95. This is the museum's fourth exhibit of Darden's holdings. Some items have never before been publicly displayed. Admission is free to the exhibit and to the museum.

Funding for the mini exhibit and the events are made possible in part by the KVCC Foundation. A modified version of a past Darden exhibit at Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Texas Township Campus remains on view for all to enjoy. The museum and the Center for New Media are operated by Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Darden, a historian and artist, enjoyed speaking in schools throughout Michigan about his artifacts, which he had on display in his home as part of his Murphy Darden African American Cowboy & Historical Museum, a 501(c)(3) organization he founded in 2007.

Learn more about Darden at **www.kalamazoomuseum.org**.

Painting of Murphy Darden Sr. by Detroit artist and muralist Dr. Hugh Massey used to promote the current "Collecting History: Murphy Darden's Legacy" mini exhibit

Family of late Murphy Darden Sr. at the Sept. 5 panel discussion celebrating his life at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum

SUSTAINABLE BREWING STUDENTS BRING HOME AWARDS

Brewing students who worked on the award-winning beer are (from left to right): J. Watson, Grace Ballinger, Zach Pierangeli, Mijiikwis Wabanimkee, Colin Fuller and Derick Waters

Kalamazoo Valley Community College's sustainable brewing students continue to earn national recognition for their award-winning beer and outstanding craftsmanship. The 2024 U.S. Open College Beer Championship was hosted over the summer in Oxford, Ohio, where the sustainable brewing students and staff took home third place.

The U.S. Open College Beer Championship is for student brewers enrolled at schools, colleges and universities that teach brewing courses. The contest is the only competition of its kind focusing on student brewers.

This year's group took home four medals: gold, silver and two bronzes. The winning beers from the college were Hecate House Special (gold), KVCC Pale Ale (silver), Ginger Makwa (bronze) and Party In The Back (bronze).

This program has a history of competition successes, with first-place wins in 2017 and 2022, and taking home third place this year and in 2019.

Brewery Operations and Maintenance Coordinator at Kalamazoo Valley Community College Jeff Harms was proud of his students and the way they worked as a team. Harms describes this team as, "a deeply passionate class — a real engaged group that wanted to learn about brewing. They have a great balance between depth of knowledge and hands-on training."

Harms said the students, faculty and staff believe that their gold-medal winning Hecate House Special is one of the best beers that they have brewed. "The depth of our curriculum differentiates us from other programs. To be a successful brewer, you must understand why you do the things that you do," he said.

With the guidance of instructors and assistants, students brew beers themselves and serve them to the public during the college's Taps on Tuesday events held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at Kalamazoo Valley's 418 Restaurant, located at the college's Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health building in downtown Kalamazoo.

Brewing program students can pursue a certificate of achievement and an associate degree. To learn more about sustainable brewing at Kalamazoo Valley, visit **www.kvcc.edu/brewing**.

VALLEY ADDS NEW SHUTTLE SERVICE

Students, faculty and staff traveling between Kalamazoo Valley's campuses can now catch the free Kalamazoo Valley shuttle. The shuttle, introduced at the start of the fall semester, runs from 6:50 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and travels to the Arcadia Commons Campus (ACC), the Bronson Healthy Living Campus (BHLC) and the Texas Township Campus (TTC).

The shuttle is funded for this academic year by a Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) student success grant designed to remove barriers to student success.

"While students still have the option to take Metro Transit, the shuttle provides greater accessibility and flexibility for our students," said Nkenge Bergan, associate vice president for student development services.

Pick-up and drop-off locations:

- ACC - Southeast corner of Rose Street and Water Street (due to construction, the shuttle will not be at the location until the advertised departure time)
- BHLC - Walnut Street parking lot in front of the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building
- TTC - Flagpole Entrance

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